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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 1 April 1952

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, [] Col. White

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to today's cable from [] which stated that our liaison with [] would "be unfettered." Mr. Dulles also noted that he was "pulling together" the complete file on the [] matter and wished to discuss this as soon as possible. (NOTE: The above mentioned cable has been released to DD/P, AD/SO, AD/PC and FE.)

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c. Referred to the item in today's Log concerning our reply to [] [] disapproving his request for [] Mr. Wisner asked whether or not we knew how Mr. [] learned of [] [] noted there was no indication in the above letter which would answer Mr. Wisner's question. After some discussion, Col. White undertook to look into this matter since [] is now employed by DD/A.

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d. Briefly discussed the situation in China as contained in today's "various intelligence reports" and asked Mr. Becker to check into this matter further with OCI.

e. Referred to the President's request for a certain evaluation and asked Mr. Becker its status. Mr. Becker noted that his people had contacted various agencies outside of the IAC and at the present time it did not appear that we would gain too much assistance from these agencies to answer the question at hand; however, we were meeting with these people on Friday and, based on the information obtained therefrom, we could then decide what approach to take on the President's request.

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f. Noted the item in the Log concerning [] and stated that he intended to call and thank him for his able assistance.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that he would brief Mr. Dulles on a certain individual after the meeting.

b. Referred to the controversy between Defense, State and Treasury on the one hand and Justice on the other concerning restrictions on weight of diplomatic pouches entering this country. After some discussion wherein it was noted that (1) the Chairman of the ICIS had requested our views on this matter; (2) any restrictions the U.S. might place on these pouches would meet with immediate retaliation; (3) we stood to lose much more than to gain; (4) certain weapons could be introduced into the U.S. through the medium of these pouches, Mr. Dulles stated he wished to speak to Col. Edwards today on this matter. (NOTE: The above request from the Chairman, ICIS was noted in the Director's Log for 15-16 March and was sent to DD/A for direct reply in consultation with DD/P and DD/I.)

25X1 c. Referred to the exchange of letters between CIA and the Bureau of the Budget concerning [redacted] and stated he believed our letter should be modified in order to give us greater flexibility in the disbursement of these funds.

d. Noted that a Col. Charles Murphy was helping Finletter prepare a major policy statement which would be issued in the defense of the Air Force program and stated that Murphy had requested some intelligence support from CIA. Mr. Becker noted that Murphy had agreed to bring certain IAC figures to us which we would undertake to confirm.

e. Noted that he was preparing a Memorandum of Conversation between Admiral Souers and himself for Mr. Dulles.

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Mr. Hedden:

25X1 a. Referred to the item in today's Log concerning [redacted] and asked whether it was necessary to clear this with State. Mr. Wisner stated that it was, particularly in view of the way the operation was being run and [redacted] Mr. Wisner noted that (1) only one or two people in the Department would be advised of this operation; (2) he hoped to be able to change the basis of the operation in question in order to take it [redacted]

25X1 b. Asked if Mr. Dulles had prepared a Memorandum of Conversation of his talk with Ambassador Schoenfeld. Mr. Dulles stated that he had not; however, he would try to get something on this for Mr. Hedden before noon today.

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